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TITLE: MULTILAYER BOARD HAVING PRECISE PERFORATIONS AND CIRCUIT

SUBSTRATE HAVING PRECISE THROUGH-HOLES



1. Type of Application

This is a request for filing a *CONTINUATION APPLICATION* under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b), of pending prior application:

Serial No.:

10/160,998

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2. Papers Enclosed

A. Required for filing date under 37 CFR 1.53(b) (Regular) are:

28 Page(s) of Specification

6 Page(s) of Claims

1 Page(s) of Abstract

14 Sheets of Formal Drawings (Figs. 1-15)

B. Other Papers Enclosed

- [x] A Patent Application Bibliographic Data Sheet
- [x] A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney from the prior application
- [x] Information Disclosure Statement
- [x] Form PTO-1449

3. The correspondence address for this application is: Customer No. 025191

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4. Nonpublication Request Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)

- [] Applicants hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.
- [] Applicants hereby request that the attached application **not** be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

5. Relate Back

A. 35 U.S.C. 120, 121 and 365(c)

[X] Priority of said prior application(s) is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120.

Application Number	Filing Date	Relationship
10/160,998	June 3, 2002	Parent

B. 35 U.S.C. 119 Priority Claim for Prior Application

[X] Priority of foreign application(s) is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 as follows:

Country	Application Number	Filing Date		
Japan	2001-172188	June 7, 2001		

- [X] A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application was filed in prior application Serial No. 10/160,998 on June 3, 2002.
- [] A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is filed herewith.

6. Assignment

The prior application is assigned of record to <u>NGK Insulators, Ltd.</u> at Reel <u>012966</u>, Frame(s) <u>0063</u> (recorded June 3, 2002).

7. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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[] Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.					
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